

## LABOR'S PUBLIC OWNERSHIP CONVENTION MEETS SUNDAY—TWO BIG FIGHTS ON

The school board move to choke the life out of the Teachers' Federation and the attempt of the Bell phone trust to grab the automatic phone system are live issues that will be up for action tomorrow at the public ownership convention of labor union delegates at 160 W. Washington st.

Up to this morning delegates had been elected from 154 local unions of the Chicago Federation of Labor. They will organize tomorrow a Public Ownership league.

"Men from all parties and all churches, and some men who have neither party nor church, will be among the delegates to this convention," said Morton L. Johnson of the federation committee in charge of the organization of the league.

"We are all standing together as one man, however, on certain essential points. On these points all of us will fight to a finish. This league will be nailed down to stay for keeps in this city of Chicago. And this is what we are after:

"1. The right of workers to organize in a public utility. Put an end to the spy systems and the brutal, arbitrary dismissals of workmen who speak in favor of labor unions.

"2. Lower phone, gas and electric light rates. Users pay 50 to 500 per cent higher rates than they would if they didn't have to pay profits on watered stocks, bunk bond issues and grafting purchasing systems.

"3. Better service. The way people are packed on the street cars is vicious. A seat for every nickel of car fare.

"Our convention tomorrow shall decide what lines of action we take. Delegates will tell what they think are the best ways of fighting the powers that grip Chicago."

Pres. John Fitzpatrick and Sec'y E. N. Nockels of the federation say

the plan is to make the league permanent. It will watch city affairs and call the roll on officials who are handy helpers of the public utilities which refuse to let workers organize.

### —O—O— ANOTHER ABORTION CASE IS ADDED TO LONG LIST?

"A woman is dying from an abortion in room 301, Lake Shore hospital," a voice over the phone informed Serg't G. F. Scrivner.

Police got to the hospital in time to see an auto with a patient and two nurses roll away. They took the superintendent up to the station house. She said the woman in the auto was "Miss Smith of Kankakee," entered at the hospital by Dr. C. W. Klinefop, 177 N. State.

Dr. Klinefop is awaiting trial on charge of performing criminal operation on Mrs. Minnie Miller, 1031 N. Paulina, January, 1912.

The Lake Shore hospital is where Mrs. Stella Cams died from an illegal operation. In this case Drs. Meinhardt, J. Balhatchett, G. A. Stetler and C. W. Clark are held.

### —O—O— FRICTION WITH ENGLAND NEAR

Washington, Aug. 28.—The farther the United States gets away from trouble with Germany the nearer she approaches friction with Great Britain, diplomats here were saying today.

Nobody believed the impending Anglo-American controversy would result in the severance of relations, but it was the opinion that the argument would be hard to settle.

It was agreed that one of the first things the administration will be bound to do, after Germany has met America's wishes relative to the submarine warfare complication, will be to act energetically in matter of British interference with American shipping on the high seas.